

Do you want to live as slaves and jeopardize the future of your children and your children's children, disobeying the Guru's order of Raj Kare Ga Khalsa, or do you want to free yourself from the slavery of the Indian government and enjoy the blessings and happiness of Guru by freeing Khalistan? Always remember that the Guru gave the Sikh Nation Charhdi Kala.

For the Charhdi Kala of the Khalsa Panth, let's join hands to form a Khalsa Raj Party to free our homeland, Khalistan. We pray and ask the blessing of the Guru to help us achieve the pious, God-given right to freedom for the Sikh Nation. The Khalsa Panth prays for the well being of the whole human race. We wish every human being in the world, including South Asia, well. We hope that the entire world will live in peace and freedom and let the Sikh Nation also flourish, prosper, and enjoy the glow of freedom in a free Khalistan.

Khalsa Ji, always remember "Khalsa Bagi Yan Badhshah" and "Raj Kare Ga Khalsa."

Sincerely,

DR. GURMIT SINGH AULAKCH,  
President Council of Khalistan.

#### TRIBUTE TO MS. PAT SHIELDS

#### HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2001*

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished woman from Mississippi, Ms. Pat Shields. It is my great privilege to share with my colleagues in Congress her many attributes and noteworthy career as a civilian employee in the United States Army.

For thirty years Ms. Shields has been a model of dedication, compassion and service in the United States Army. The Ole Miss community quickly learned how lucky they were to make her acquaintance 27 years ago, when she came to work with their ROTC program. With a smile on her face and a remarkably thoughtful attention to detail, Mrs. Shields has worked with over 8,000 students to help them realize their dreams. Her assistance has resulted in the commission of over 500 cadets to the U.S. Army and Mississippi National Guard.

As Ms. Shields prepares to retire, I have been overwhelmed by the number of people who say their lives have been touched by her presence. The Ole Miss community has both deep regret and fond wishes for her departure. They know though, as do her children, David, Don, and Lisa, and her granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann, that no woman is more deserving of an enjoyable retirement than Pat Shields.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me in commending Pat Shields for her fine service to this nation. It is both a pleasure and a privilege to recognize such a true southern lady from our great state of Mississippi.

#### HONORING DR. JOSEPH S. BAILES

#### HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2001*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my constituent, Dr. Joseph S. Bailes, on the

occasion of an event on May 12, 2001, in San Francisco, California by the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship honoring him and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

There is scarcely a person among us who has not been touched by cancer. This disease—actually more than a hundred different diseases—is one of the greatest public health challenges we face in this country, particularly as our population ages and thus becomes more susceptible to cancer. If we are to meet this challenge, if we are to take full advantage of the many opportunities presented by the exciting discoveries of basic science in recent years, and if we are to fulfill the promise of quality cancer care for all our citizens, it will require visionary and energetic leadership. That kind of leadership has been provided for more than a decade by my friend and constituent, Dr. Joseph S. Bailes. Dr. Bailes is currently the Executive Vice President of Clinical Affairs at US Oncology, the largest private oncology practice in the United States.

Dr. Bailes has recently completed more than a decade of service to the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), which is the leading medical professional society for physicians involved in cancer treatment and research. Under the public policy guidance of Joe Bailes, ASCO has been involved in almost all significant legislative and regulatory initiatives during this past decade of great change in the health care delivery system generally and in cancer care specifically.

During Dr. Bailes' long tenure as Chair of ASCO's Clinical Practice Committee, he was confronted with various challenges, each of which posed a threat to quality cancer care. Among these were practices of third-party payers to deny payment for cancer drugs when used for cancers not specifically approved by the Food and Drug Administration; the refusal of Medicare to cover the cost of oral anticancer drugs; and the uncertainty of payment of routine patient care costs for cancer patients enrolled in clinical trials. Thanks to Dr. Bailes' leadership, these issues are now favorably resolved or on their way to a favorable resolution that will be supportive of people with cancer.

Dr. Bailes also served as President of ASCO, the first in more than 20 years to be elected as a community oncologist rather than an academic. His election reflected widespread recognition within the cancer community of Dr. Bailes' important and diverse contributions to oncology beyond considerations of reimbursement or coverage for the private physician. His voice has been a powerful one for everybody with cancer, as well as for the professionals who care for them.

Aside from these public policy activities, I also commend Dr. Bailes for his dedication and skill as a physician who cares for individual patients in a thoughtful and compassionate manner. In fact, Dr. Bailes has successfully treated members of my own family for cancer-related illnesses and I am grateful for his dedicated service to patients in the Houston area. I know no one better at cancer diagnosis and treatment than Dr. Bailes, and his motivation is not public acclaim but the welfare of his patients. This is the ideal we expect of all our doctors.

This May Dr. Bailes will be recognized and honored by the National Coalition for Cancer

Survivorship (NCC), the largest national organization advocating on behalf of people with all kinds of cancer. The occasion will be the 37th Annual meeting of ASCO in San Francisco, where colleagues from all over the world will assemble to hear the latest developments in cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. It is fitting that Dr. Bailes will be individually honored in this impressive context.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Dr. Bailes on his many years of service in the fight against cancer and for his many achievements. He is an inspiration to all advocates against cancer, whether they are patients or former patients, parents or friends of cancer patients, the physicians or other health professionals who treat them, or the research organizations that seek improved cancer therapies.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAINE ADMINISTRATORS OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

#### HON. JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 8, 2001*

Mr. BALDACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th Anniversary of the Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities, or MADSEC. MADSEC has been a leader in the provision of educational and support services to children with disabilities in Maine since 1976. In that time, Maine has developed a model program which benefits the children of my state in many ways.

Maine was unique among several states in the development of special education services. From its earliest days, MADSEC has maintained an open and positive working relationship with the Maine Department of Education's Special Services Division. By collaborating with the state agency, MADSEC has been able to help effectively address concerns, issues, and complaints in a productive manner which eventually helps all parties involved find a reasonable outcome.

In addition to its problem-solving function, MADSEC has been a joint-sponsor of several successful Professional Development training opportunities for administrators, teachers, and support staff. The "Select Seminars" offered by MADSEC and the Special Services Division are intensive work sessions which focus professional attention and problem-solving skills on some of the most troublesome issues in the special education arena.

MADSEC also publishes a professional journal for special education administrators and staff which has provided consistent information and commentary on many issues. Members can access a website for instant information, professional resources, and the latest news in the field.

On a national level, MADSEC sponsors the annual Maine Director's Academy, a professional development and policy study event for special education administrators from across the country. Special educators from more than 30 states and Canadian Provinces have attended in the Academy's 20-year history, and the Academy has been recognized by several national professional organizations.